प्रो० के० के० तिवारी : सभापति महोदय, सम्मानित सदस्य की संभावनायें जो है, शंकायें जो है, आशंकायें जो है वे निराधार है । जो माडल हमने इन्ट्रोडयूज किया है वह माडल हमने इम्प्रूव किया है और उसको इम्प्रूव करने के बाद जो पहले के माडल थे उनके स्पेयर पाटस भी हम बनाते है और हम हमेशा यह कोशिश करते है कि स्पेयर पार्टस जो है उनकी कास्ट ठीक हो, उसकी कास्ट हमेशा हमारे ध्यान में रहती है । जहां तक संस्कृति की बात इन्होंने कही, कंज्यूमर कल्चर की बात की, उसके संबध में कहना है कि मारूति के नये माडल माकट में आ जाय तो उससे हम कोई यह नहीं समझते है कि इससे कोई गिरावट आयेगी । यह संस्कृति टैक्नालाजी की है और वह बेहतर टक्नालाजी होगी और इससे कस्टमर को ज्यादा सन्तोष होगा, जो वह पैसा खर्च करेगा उसका फायदा मिलेगा ।

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Mr, Chairman, Sir, as Maruti car users, we are very happy with the existing technology itself. The purpose for which Maruti car is purchased is that it will be an economical car for the middle-class people. Recently the price of car has gone up by Rs. 10,000 and the middle-class people are finding it difficult to purchase it. Recently we had been to the Udyog Bhavan and we were informed that they were not making much profit on the Maruti cars, but they are making profits on the deluxe cars and they are expected to make more profits on the two new model cars. Ultimately the company wants to make better profits on new model cars. Therefore, I want to know whether the Government will retain at least one model which will be cost effective for the middle-class people.

Another thing, spare parts are not available even now. It has become rare and after the recent levy the price of spare parts has gone up by 25 per cent. I would like to know from the Minister, what steps the Government has taken to make spare parts available to the people who purchased Maruti cars earlier.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: Sir, although it is a suggestion for action, but I take this opportunity to assure the Member and the House that we are keeping constant watch on the prices. It is for this reaction the process of indigenisation has not been of the order that was expected, because we have stringent parameters for costs and quality. Even now all the spare parts, whether indigenous or imported, they are available in plenty and at reasonable costs. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want spare parts, you apply to the Minister. He says that they are available in plenty.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, the new budget has imposed some levy and has increased the taxes. As a result of this, Maruti car price has also been affected. May I know from the Minister how does it affect the price of two new model cars which he is going to manufacture and in what manner the price of the existing car called Maruti 800 will be aeffcted? What was the original price of this small car and what is the present price?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have started repeating the question. Have your any answer?

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: Sir, I have already replied to this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

CBI case against ONGC officers

*164. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: †

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered a case against two general managers and a deputy manager of the ONGC for allegedly misleading higher officials and causing a loss of about Rs. 59 lakhs to the Commission; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma.

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CBI has registered a case against a Group General Manager (Finance & Accounts), a General Manager (Personnel) and a Deputy Director (Personnel & Administration) for allegedly causing wrongful loss to the extent of Rs. 58,60,000 to ONGC, in connection with leasing of office accommodation at Bombay.

CBI is investigating the case.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, probably this is for the first time that CBI has registered a case against the senior officials on the ONGC. It is a welcome step because press has mentioned many complaints of corruption against ONGC officers. But the answer to this question is not clear. I want to know what are the details of the loss and what are the details of the charges?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, in Bombay, ONGC wanted some accommodation and that accommodation was offered by the owner at a particular rate. To be specific it was Rs. 13.50 per square ft. per month on rent. After that this party wanted to sell it outright and some other people said that we will purchase it and furnish it and give it to ONGC. Ultimately these people recommended that it should be taken at Rs. 17 per square ft. So, according to the complaint lodged with the CBI, ONGC has suffered a loss of Rs. 58,60,000. That is the crux of the case and it is being investigated.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, I am told that the Chairman has approved the proposal and the fraud was committed after his approval. May I know from the Minister in what circumstances did the Chairman accord his approval to it? What action has been taken against him?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, at the first stage these three officers made the recommendations. Then, it went to the Member (Finance) and to the Chairman. The Chairman made the recommendation on the basis of the officers' recommendations.

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला : सभापति महोदय, यह एक दो अफसरों का मामला नहीं है । ओ०एन०जी०सी० ज्यादा रुपया देश को देता है लेकिन करप्शन इतना ज्यादा है कि एयरक्राफटस हों, हेली-काप्टर्स हों, या प्राइवेट व्हीकिल्स जो इम्प्लाय होते हैं उनमें सीधे डाइरेक्टर इन्वाल्व होते हैं तो क्या हमारी गवर्नमेंट ऐसा कोई वाच डाग सेल बनाएगी जिससे जो भी अफसर ओ०एन०जी०सी० में भर्ती होते हैं उनकी और उनके ब्लड रिलेशन्स की मिल्कियत का ब्यौरा रखा जाये और देखा जाये कि उसमें कितना बढ़ता है ? ऐसी वाचडाग समिति हो जो परमानेंटली इन अफसरों की देखभाल करे ताकि जो करप्शन है उसको रोका जा सके ।

श्री ब्रहम दत्त : मान्यवर, पहले तो पैट्रोलियम मंत्री यह काम करता है, पैट्रोलियम मंत्रालय यह काम करता है, भारत सरकार की विभिन्न एजेंसीज ये सब काम निरंतर करती रहती हैं जब कोई कोई ऐसी शिकायत सामने आती है । फिलहाल ओ० एन० जी० सी० हैडक्वार्टर मेरे अपने शहर देहरादून में है । छोटे से छोटा आदमी वहां के बारे में सब बता देता है, मैं खुद करा देता हूं... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : पैट्रोलियम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो 58 लाख 60 हजार की विभाग को क्षति हुई है यह अब तक के पिछले कितने सालों की है और कब सरकार के नोटिस में यह आई तथा किस माध्यम से और किस समय से यह सी०बी०आई० को सुपुर्द की गयी और इसकी प्रोग्रेस क्या है ?

श्री ब्रहम दत्त : यह नवम्बर 1982 से अब तक का लास है और सी०बी०आई० का जो सोर्स है या जो हमारा सोर्स है, उसका बताना हित में नही है । प्रोग्रेस यह है

कि सी० बी० आई० जांच कर रही है। जिस आदमी ने खबर की उसके बारे में कहना ठीक नहीं है।

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : मंत्री जी ने यह बताया कि विभिन्न एजेंसियां काम कर रही हैं। ये एजेंसीज कौन-कौन सी हैं जो यह जांच का काम कर रही हैं... **(व्यवधान)** विभिन्न एजेंसीज कहा, विभिन्न एजेंसियां कौन कौन हैं... **(व्यवधान)** स्वयं तो करते हैं।

श्री ब्रह्म दत्त : सी०बी०आई० है, और स्टेट एजेंसीज भी हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 165.

*165. [*The questioners (Shrimati Sudha Vijay Joshi and Shri N. Rajangam) were absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 40 *to* 42 *infra*].

Abolishing of Oil Selection Boards

*166. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for abolishing Oil Selection Boards;

(b) whether any complaint of corruption has been received against Oil Selection Board in different States; and

(c) what decision Government have taken to abolish the Oil Selection Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Apart from complaints about the functioning of the Selection Boards, the abolition of these Boards has also been suggested by members during meetings of the Consultative Committee.

(c) It is not proposed to abolish the Oil Selection Boards.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Mr Chairman, Sir, I am surprised to read the reply of the Minister. Even in the Consultative Committee meeting Members have suggested that the Oil Selection Board should be abolished. Everybody knows that there is rampant corruption in the...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You should know that you cannot make any reference to the discussion of the Consultative Committee meeting.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: But the Minister in his reply has mentioned about this matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You cannot refer to any decision.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: May I know from the Minister what are the reasons for not accepting the suggestion to abolish the Selection Board?

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: Sir, this question refers to the allotment of dealership. If the Minister announces it, he will be subjected to it. If some other committeee announces it that would be subjected to it. The Government thought it proper to have a Selection Board consisting of a retired Judge and a retired I.A.S. officer. When there are complaints, we refer these back to them.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Sir, may I know from the Minister whether he would hold an enquiry into the dealership cases in Gujarat? I want to know whether the dealership has gone to the genuine persnos or wrong persons.

SHRI BRAHM DUTT: If I receive the details of that agency, I shall definitely inquire into them.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I am also very, very surprised at the answer of the honourable Minister. He concedes that there are a lot of complaints. This matter of dealership was being handled very efficiently by the various oil companies. The oil companies knew what a dealer should be like. But ever since the matter has been handed over to the Oil Selection Board.